Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—There were so many items of contracts which were in progress then. He is an experienced officer thoroughly conversant with the work and knows every nook and corner. That was why he was given an extension till the end of the year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are there not experienced officers in the department other than this gentleman?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—He has got better experience than the others. He has been in that area almost the whole of his service.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was this extension given at his request?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No. There was absolutely no request from him. It was on the initiative of the Government.

Bridge connecting Parur with Chennamangalam.

133. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they have received any communication from the Travancore Government agreeing to the estimate and plan of the proposed bridge connecting Parur with Chennamangalam;

2. whether they propose to take up the construction of the bridge next year;

3. if the answer to sub-section (2) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. No; the estimate and plan for the bridge are only under preparation.

2. Government have not decided, pending receipt of the views of the Travancore Government.

3. No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (2).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When are the estimates and plans expected to be ready?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We expect it to complete, within a week.

Legislation on labour conditions.

134. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 3, dated 31st July 1933, regarding Legislation on Labour conditions, will the Government be pleased to state what they have been doing in response to their assurance 'suggestions will be taken notice of'?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government are awaiting the results of Economic Survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, where is the harm in Government's moving in such useful matters independent of

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